A1 surface 54 of biasing member 40. Thickness 50 is variably selected such that keeper 38 has a pre-determined flexibility to facilitate opening and closing of the door 14.

IN THE CLAIMS

Sub D1 1. (once amended) A latch assembly for coupling a door to an apparatus, said latch assembly comprising:

A2 a keeper comprising a biasing member and a head portion extending from said biasing member, said head portion comprising a catch and a lock release projection, said biasing member configured to bias said catch for engagement with the door;

a handle comprising a contact surface in slidable contact with said lock release projection, said handle selectively operable to uncouple the door from the apparatus; and

a handle retainer coupling said handle to the door.

A3 5. (once amended) A latch assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said keeper head portion is formed integrally with said keeper biasing member.

8. (once amended) A latch assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said handle retainer is fixedly attached to the door.

A4 Sub B3 9. ~~(once amended)~~ A latch assembly in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said handle is rotatably coupled to the door with said ~~hinge pin~~.

11. (once amended) A method for assembling a door latch assembly for a dishwasher, the latch assembly for securing a dishwasher door to a dishwasher tub assembly, the tub A5 assembly including a keeper including a head and a bias member extending therefrom, said method comprising:

~~providing a handle;~~

providing a handle retainer;

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connecting the handle to the handle retainer; and

slidably coupling the keeper to the handle against a bias of the keeper.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAIMS

20. (new) A latch assembly for coupling a door to an apparatus, said latch assembly comprising:

a keeper comprising a biasing member and a head portion extending from said biasing member, said head portion comprising a catch and a lock release projection, said biasing member configured to bias said catch for engagement with the door, said keeper head portion further comprising a switch actuator;

a handle comprising a contact surface in slidable contact with said lock release projection, said handle selectively operable to uncouple the door from the tub assembly; and

a handle retainer coupling said handle to the door.

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21. (new) A method for assembling a door latch assembly for a dishwasher, the latch assembly for securing a dishwasher door to a dishwasher tub assembly, said method comprising:

providing a handle;

providing a handle retainer;

connecting the handle to the handle retainer; and

slidably coupling a keeper to the handle such that the handle is rotatable in a first direction and the keeper is rotatable in a second direction that is opposite the first direction.